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1. The Bulgarian Navy includes the following naval vessels:

- One or two destroyers
- Three torpedo boats
- Seventeen motor torpedo boats
- Twenty two patrol boats and subchasers
- Two or three submarines
- Eighteen minelayers and minesweepers (sic)
- Three auxiliary vessels
- Five transport vessels

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2. The Black Sea Fleet, which has its headquarters in Stalin and is commanded by Captain II Class Parashkevov (fnu), has the vessels listed in sub-paragraphs a, b, c, d, e, and f of paragraph 1.

3. The Black Sea Fleet includes three naval bases.

- The Stalin Naval Base includes shipyards with the capabilities for building ships up to 3,000 tons. The base has liquid fuel depots, a floating drydock with a maximum capacity of 2,000 tons on Lake Devnya, and a hydroplane base on Lake Devnya. The base is headed by:

- (1) Captain II Class Kutevski (fnu), Base Commander
- (2) Captain III Class Tyutyundzhiev (fnu), Deputy Chief of Staff
- (3) Captain III Class Preshtinkov (fnu), Director of the Arsenal

- The Sozopol Naval Base is a small base at which a naval training school is located.

- The Burgas Naval Base, which is commanded by Captain III Class Ivanov (fnu), has a workshop for naval repairs, a small haulage ramp, and liquid fuel depots.

4. The Danube River Fleet, which has its headquarters in Ruse and is commanded by Captain III Class Pechev (fnu), has 20 minesweepers (sic). The Ruse Naval Base, the commander of which is not known, has a shipyard capable of building small vessels.

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5. The Bulgarian Naval Air Force is composed of the following:

- a. The Naval Air Command in Stalin; commander unknown
- b. The 8 Air Base Command for Naval Aviation in Stalin, commanded by Captain Ganev (fnu)
- c. The 34 Hydroplane Unit Command in Stalin; commander unknown
- d. A hydroplane unit command in Burgas; commander and number of unit unknown.

6. The Bulgarian Admiralty Staff is composed as follows:

- a. Captain I Class Nikola Boyadzhiev, Chief of Staff
- b. Captain I Class Ketrishko, Soviet Adviser
- c. The deputy chief of staff and political commander are not known.

7. The Bulgarian Naval Academy is located in Stalin and is commanded by Captain II Class Angel Papazov.

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1. Comment. According to paragraph 2 and 4, the total number of minelayers and minesweepers must be 38 and not 18.

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